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### Who We Are and What We Do -- Dog Wrangler

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Karen Grant

Two important positions in HRI are those of the Dog Wrangler and the Dog Nannies. The Dog Wrangler keeps track of each dog from the time the Intake Committee is first approached about accepting the dog, to the placement in an appropriate

foster home, to its eventual adoption. All pertinent data about each dog are collected and entered in the database.

#### Now Accepting!



## Letter From Home



Hershey

This is a story about loss and love. This is a story about emptiness and fulfillment. This is a story about recovery and mended hearts. This is our story about Hershey.

We have always had the good fortune to surround ourselves with lots of animals. Cats, birds, fish, snakes, lizards and dogs contributed to our family throughout the years. Our pets have always been a source of joy and delight as well as enrichment.

On May 4, 2010, our 12-year old English Bulldog, Murphy, died after major abdominal surgery. Ed and I were by her side to say, "So long." It was a devastating loss for all who knew this old and beloved soul. The house seemed empty without Murphy and so still without her soft snoring in the background. Kermit, our nine-year old Yorkie, was lonely and depressed as he continued to look for Murphy. Our hearts were broken and with her passing, a piece of us felt as if it had been taken away.

Over the years, we had studied various dogs to educate ourselves on the traits, personalities and behaviors of other breeds. Long before Murphy died, we had talked about how perfect a Havanaese would be for our family and after a few weeks went by following the loss of Murphy, we began discussing the prospect of finding a new dog. Kermit needed a pal and we needed a new family member. So, we submitted an

Throughout the fostering process, the Dog Wrangler, with the help of the Dog Nannies, mentors and supports the foster parents, ensures that all potential medical and behavioral problems are properly addressed and assists in finding the perfect forever home for the rescues. Quite often, contact with the dogs does not end after adoption. Many adoptive parents continue to stay in touch - which makes the job of the Dog Wrangler very rewarding.

## HRI Events

- HRI 2011 [Calendars](#) now available. Order yours today.
- [10th Annual Online Auction](#) to benefit HRI. Bidding starts October 30th

## Halloween Safety

It's that time of year again! Ghosts, goblins, witches and whatever the latest trend for dressing up the little ones might be. Here are some tips for keeping your furry kids safe during this particular holiday.

We all know chocolate is lethal in large amounts, and can make our pups very sick in even the smallest amounts. Keep in mind that Xylitol, used to sweeten sugar free gum and candy, is also toxic for dogs. Wrappers are hazardous, and can cause intestinal blockage, especially in our smaller, furrier family members.

Dressing our pups in costumes is great fun for us but the dogs might not be digging it as much. Try on their costumes at least the day before, and make sure they seem comfortable wearing their new duds. If it's too anxiety-provoking for them, give up the full costume idea and go with a festive handkerchief, a simple T-shirt or sweater. If your little one is OK dressing up for Halloween, make sure the costume fits properly, isn't too snug or loose, and that there aren't small pieces that can be chewed on and swallowed.

Everything may seem different to them on this holiday. Humans that they know very well, dressed up in costume, could be scary for them. The kid down the street that they usually play with could show up dressed as a ninja, and he may no longer be considered a playmate, but instead someone to be feared.

adoption application to Havana Rescue Inc. thinking that the overall process would take months to complete.

To our surprise and delight, a match was made for us with Hershey in Michigan. We were on the exciting path of recovery. The adoption steps fell into place quickly. Though we lived in Texas and Hershey was in Michigan, we had plans to be in Illinois for several weeks during June which made it possible for us to drive to meet him in Michigan. On June 19, Kelli drove Hershey to the rendezvous location and handed over a happy ball of fluff. Our broken hearts were on the mend.

Let me tell you a bit about Hershey. He has the most incredible light brown eyes. He will gaze at you intently and expectantly and pulls you into his soul. He is happy and very energetic and loves to chase Kermit around the house. They scamper here and there until Kermit dives under a chair or the couch for refuge and rest and then, in a few minutes, off the two of them go!

Hershey loves finding an errant tissue on the floor and is delighted by the feather duster. His favorite resting place is on the top of a leather chair where he perches behind Ed's head. From this vantage point, Hershey doesn't miss a thing happening in the kitchen. True to his breed, Hershey is great with new people and is a curious little fellow ... always ready for the next fun thing. And, when the day is over he settles in for the night with his head on a pillow between the two of us while Kermit is snoozing away at the end of the bed.

Obedience training started today in our home. Hershey is an excellent student and is responding well to the trainer's guidance. We are confident Hershey will become an even more charming family member once he has completed his course work. Hershey is definitely a smart guy and eager to please.

Going the adoption route to find a dog

The increased traffic to the front door might also be a little much for Pookie -- not to mention too much for your family's ears, if you have barkers. Make sure your pups are secure before opening the door for the trick-or-treaters. It might make everyone's life a little easier to just crate the furry ones, and let them rest while all the chaos is happening at the front door and in the neighborhood.

Whatever you decide is safest for you and your furry kiddos, just make sure you have a wonderful time!

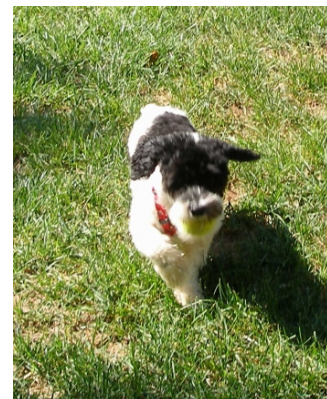
## Adoption Corner

Rarely do I get the opportunity to introduce myself to potential adopting parents, so I am extremely flattered!

My name is Ernie Bernie Mac. I'm about two years old. Heck, I can't remember the day I was born! I'm looking for a family ready to bring someone special into their home. Why am I so special you might ask? Well, I'm really cute, smart as a whip, and love nothing better than to cuddle with people.

Despite having only three legs, I need zero help getting around and take care of my personal business outside each and every day. I can run like the wind -- just not at hurricane speed, but powerful nonetheless.

Not convinced yet? I mean really, look at my face...! It's cute as a button, and everybody who meets me just oohhs and aaahhs over my mug. Add to that my adorable big feet and robust frame, and you've got the fixin's for someone really cool.



was a first-time experience for Ed and me. The HRI team (Karen, Pam, Kelli), made it a pleasant and efficient process. Our Texas focal point, Pam, was so supportive and patient as she answered my frequent questions. Karen was always responsive as well. Kelli and her husband, Roy, get a standing ovation from us for taking good care of Hershey right before we received him and for bringing him to us. They both have hearts of gold and soft spots in their hearts for all dogs.



June 19, 2010, will remain as the day we found love -- the day our lives were enriched -- the day that hastened our recovery from loss. June 19, 2010, was the day we held Hershey for the first time. June 19, 2010, was the best day ever!

Libby & Ed Lenz

In addition to all of the above, I'm also very sensitive. I always try very hard to please my foster people I will do the same for my forever people too! They've given me a new lease on life, and for that I will be eternally grateful.

So, that's my story and I'm sticking to it. Give me a call or ping me on line -- let's chat.

Sincerely,

Ernie Bernie Mac

P.S. Click [here](#) to see me in my very own video!

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